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**EVENT: Guilty Verdict**

**Defendant: Clarence H. Brown**

**MAN CONVICTED ON FEDERAL KIDNAPING AND SEX TRAFFICKING CHARGES  
INVOLVING A 14 YEAR OLD MINOR**

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A 32-year-old Inkster man was found guilty yesterday by a federal jury in Detroit on charges of kidnaping, transportation of a minor with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity and sex trafficking offenses, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by FBI Special Agent in Charge Daniel D. Roberts, of the Detroit Division, and Col. Tadarial J. Sturdivant, Michigan State Police.

Found guilty was Clarence Howard Brown. Kidnaping and Sex Trafficking carry maximum sentences of life imprisonment. Transportation of a Minor with Intent to Engage in Criminal Sexual Activity carries an maximum sentence of 15 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

The jury deliberated for a little more than an hour before returning the verdict, concluding a four day trial before United States District Judge Arthur J. Tarnow.

The evidence presented at trial showed that Brown and his girlfriend Holly Marie Hollis, under the pretenses of transporting a then 14 year old minor to her home, abducted the victim and, instead transported her to Fort Wayne, Indiana, forcing her into prostitution at a truck stop. During his efforts to instill fear in the child, Brown raped the victim twice and otherwise physically abused her. The victim eventually escaped after a female truck driver befriended her and agreed to take her home. Hollis pleaded guilty on August 26, 2005.

“This is an incredibly serious case and the charges of conviction reflect the revolting manner in which criminals are capable of treating innocent minors. The result in this case demonstrates my office’s clear and continuing commitment to aggressively prosecute any individuals engaged in abusing and exploiting children in the Eastern District of Michigan. As federal law enforcement officers, we will do anything and everything we can to derail this sort of pernicious behavior.” United States Attorney Murphy said.

Murphy commended the work of the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the Michigan State Police in the investigation.

Sentencing of Brown is scheduled for February 17, 2006. Hollis will be sentenced on December 5, 2005. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Dawn Ison.